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Washington, D.C. 20231

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INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	X 0	X 39.00 X 78.00	0
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In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the thirteenth paragraph of the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS with the following paragraph:

Figures 13a and 13b are cross-sectional views of an embodiment of a method releasing the locking mechanism of one type of introducer.

Please replace the seventh and eighth paragraphs of the DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTLY PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS of the specification with the following paragraphs:

In an embodiment of the present invention, the introducer 50 may be used to introduce the catheter 10 into a body. For example, Figure 10 illustrates skin 60 and the subcutaneous tissue 62 located under the skin 60 of a human being or patient. As shown in Figure 11, the introducer 50 may be pushed into the skin 60 at an entry site 54 and to the subcutaneous tissue 62. Figure 12 generally illustrates the introducer 50 in the subcutaneous tissue